



PATENT
450117-03695

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : William FORD, et al.
U.S. Serial No. : 09/988,978
Title of Invention : **PROCESS FOR IMMOBILIZATION OF NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ON A SUBSTRATE**
Filed : November 19, 2001
Examiner: Jeffrey Siew
Group Art Unit : 1637
Confirmation No. : 9531

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Total claims	13	Minus	** = 20	* 0 x	\$18 (9)	= \$ 0
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